



TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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NOTICE

DOCKET NO. 97-00309

IN RE: **BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Entry Into Long Distance (InterLATA) Service in Tennessee Pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996**

DATE: **September 21, 2001**


On July 30, 2001, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") filed its Section 271 Application with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority") pursuant to the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. On August 6, 2001, the Authority issued a discovery schedule in this proceeding. A procedural schedule was first released on August 10, 2001, and later modified by the Hearing Officer.

On September 17, 2001, the Hearing Officer issued the *Initial Order Resolving Discovery Disputes and Suspending Procedural Schedule* which, among other things, continued all previous non-discovery related dates in this matter and established dates towards resolving the remaining discovery disputes. Pursuant to the September 17, 2001, Initial Order, BellSouth must respond to the requests specifically enumerated therein on or before September 25, 2001, and the Intervenors must reply to BellSouth's responses to the motions to compel on or before October 2, 2001.

On September 18, 2001, BellSouth filed a *Motion to Amend Procedural Order* requesting, among other things, that the discovery schedule set forth in the September 17, 2001, Initial Order be extended by 30 days. In response to *BellSouth's Motion to Amend Procedural Order*, some Intervenors moved that BellSouth's Section 271 Application be dismissed without prejudice. Given the procedural posture of this matter, the Hearing Officer hereby extends the discovery schedule as follows: (1) the responses previously due from BellSouth on September 25, 2001, are now due on or before 2:00 p.m., Friday, October 19, 2001; and (2) the replies previously due from the Intervenors on October 2, 2001, are now due on or before 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 6, 2001.

BellSouth's reply to the *Intervenors' Response to Motion to Amend Procedural Schedule* must be filed on or before 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 2, 2001.

FOR THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY:


Director Melvin J. Malone
Hearing Officer

cc: Parties of Record